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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Measuring Broadband America Program (Fixed Collaborative), GN Docket No. 12-264

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 29, 2013, representatives of broadband providers, public interest groups, companies, and other organizations met in person and via conference call with Commission staff to discuss schedules and milestones of the fixed Measuring Broadband America (MBA) efforts.¹

Mr. James Miller, Senior Attorney Advisor, EMCD/OET summarized current plans for the September 2013 fixed measurements and ongoing preparation efforts including validation of the September panel participants. Progress on validation was ongoing and staff thanked participating providers for their continued efforts to conclude the efforts.

Mr. Miller explained that in order to accommodate a request by broadband providers for more time to support the validation of panel subscribers' service tiers, the Commission would consider a brief delay of the fall reporting data collection start date of September 1, 2013. Mr. Miller reiterated the importance of carriers providing support for the review of sample distributions and panel subscriber details, in particular for any proposed changes to the sample to correct for issues associated with panelists using consumer equipment that might impact the quality of the collected data. Mr. Miller reiterated the program's targets of 80 panelists for each statistical category, and discussed that data collected in tiers with as few as 25 panelists would satisfy the program's requirements for use with official reporting of the September 2013 collection.

Mr. Miller shared an updated 2013 Code of Conduct that was substantively unchanged from the 2012 but included minor changes to improve the clarity of the program's fixed and mobile efforts. He asked

¹ A list of attendees and presentation materials are attached to this filing in GN Docket No. 12-264.

that representatives review and return signature copies in the coming weeks.

Mr. Miller concluded by thanking all the participants for their active participation in these meetings and encouraged participants to look for an invitation to an upcoming meeting via the collaborative distribution list in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

/s/ James Miller

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